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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING SYSTEM 7

(SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS

(STPs)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the document listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of the reference as well as Form PTO/SB/08A is attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B with initials or other appropriate marks. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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